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1. PHILIPPINES

AFTER WEEK RECESS, DETROIT MURDER TRIAL OF 2 FILIPINA NURSES RESUMED TUES; THREE WITNESSES TESTIFIED ONE OF NURSES WAS ALONE WITH VICTIM MOMENTS BEFORE HIS BREATHING, PROBLEMS BEGAN, BUT DEFENSE SHOWED APPARENT INCONSISTENCIES AMONG WITNESSES' TESTIMONY (NYT SPEC). UPI PHOTO OF NURSES LEAVING COURT ACCOMPANIES REPORT.

2. VIETNAM/JAPAN

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KAMM (NYT AWA KOMINATO, JAPAN) REPORTS INTERVIEW WITH RECENTLY DEFECTED SRV DEPUTY CONG HOAN, WHO SERVED ON CULTURE/EDUCATION CMTE OF HANOI PARLIAMENT. ACCORDING HOAN, CENTRAL THRUST OF VN CULTURAL POLICY WAS TO DAM NORTHWARD SPREAD OF SOUTHERN VN'S WESTERNIZED CULTURE; AT HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE TAUGHT, MOST STUDENTS SHOWED DISSATISFACTION WITH COMMUNIST REGIME/MANY TAKEN FROM SCHOOL TO JAIL IN HANDCUFFS, NEVER RETURNED; PARLIAMENTARY CMTE AT LAST SESSION CALLED FOR RE-EDUCATION" OF WRITERS/ ARTISTS CONSIDERED TOO, PROGRESSIVE, BY THIEU REGIME BUT NOT

PROGRESSIVE ENOUGH FOR CURRENT LEADERSHIP; DECLARED
DISENCHANTMENT WITH COMMUNIST RULE SHARED BY ALL PROMINENT
PERSONALITIES FROM OLD ANTI-GOVT ORGANIZATION STILL IN VN,
AND ANTI-COMMUNIST FEELING AMONG STUDENTS IN SOUTH WIDE-
SPREAD/LITTLE HIDDEN. HAON/20 OTHERS WHO TOOK RISKY
DECISION TO FLEE, LEFT FAMILIES BEHIND IN ORDER CALL INTL
ATTENTION TO SRV SEVERITY--BUT HAVE BEEN LARGELY UN-
SUCCESSFUL IN MISSION. KAMM NOTES JAPAN HAS EFFECTIVELY
CONFINED THEM TO AWA KOMINATO WHERE ACCESS TO WORLD
PUBLIC LIMITED, AND AMEMB TOKYO HAS RECEIVED THEIR
IMMIGRATION APPLICATIONS BUT HAS TOLD THEM BE PATIENT.

3. JAPAN

AGREEMENT LIMITING JAPANESE COLOR TV EXPORTS TO US CONFIRMED BY US/JAPAN SOURCES 5/17. PACT NEGOTIATED LAST WK BETWEEN TRADE REP STRAUSS/JAPANESE VICE TRADE MIN MASUDA IN TOKYO. EXPORTS LIMITED TO 1.75 MIL SETS YRLY, 40.9 PCT BELOW '76 LEVELS (FARNSWORTH, NYT; AP, BALT N-A 5/17; CULLISON, JOC). CARTER EXPECTED ANNOUNCD TOMORROW REJECTION ITC'S PROPOSAL FOR TARIFF INCREASE, WILL INSTEAD APPROVE NEW VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT, TO BE SIGNED SATURDAY IN WASHINGTON BY STRAUSS/JAPAN'S AMB TOGO (PINE, SUN). AGREEMENT PRESENTED TO ECON POL GROUP MONDAY; LITTLE OPPOSITION, THO SOURCES SAY COUNCIL OF ECON ADVISORS CHRMN SCHULTZE DISPLEASED W/RESTRICTING TRADE (ROWE, WP).

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FROM TOKYO, NYT'S KAMM REPORTS JAPAN'S ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION CHRMN UNO SUGGESTED 5/17 US OFFICIALS DEALING W/JAPAN IN BAD FATH IN REPROCESSING DISPUTE, SAID CONTROVERSY THREATENS DISRUPT JAPAN-US FRIENDSHIP. UNO SAID AT WORKING LEVEL, US "HAS MADE UNREASONABLE REQUESTS AND HARASSED US," THO AT SUMMIT LEVEL, "IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE" REACH AGREEMENT. BELIEVES US TAKING ADVANTAGE ITS VETO RIGHT ON NUKE FUEL REPROCESSING TO FURTHER CARTER'S ANTI-PROLIF POL. REITERED JAPANESE VIEW THAT NUKE ENERGY "MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH FOR JAPAN."

WP QUOTES JAPANESE SOURCE THAT GOJ/USSR HAVE REACHED "AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE" ON PROPOSED NEW FISHING TREATY.

NYT/SUN CARRY AP FOTO DIET CMTE CHRMN MASUHARA BEING ATTACKED BY OPPOSITION DIETMEN AFTER HE RULED SHUT OFF DEBATE ON OKINAWA MILITARY LAND-USE BILL 5/17.

JAMES J. WICKEL, FORMER EA STAFFER/INTERPRETER TO 5 US PRESIDENTS, DIED OF HEART ATTACK IN TOKYO HOME 5/16 AT AGE 51 (AP NYT, SUN; BALT N-A 5/17).

4. JAPAN/CHINA

JAPAN'S EXPORTS TO PRC IN 1ST 3 MOS '77 FELL 31.8 PCT
FROM YR AGO/IMPORTS ROSE 14.7 PCT. STEEL-EXPORT CONTRACTS
EXPECTED REACH RECORD 4 MIL METRIC TONS THIS YR (AP,
CHITRIB).

5. CHINA

DOS SPOKESMAN SAID 5/17 US INCREASING STAFF OF USLO
FOLLOWING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF BIGGER BUDGET (UP
FROM '76'S \$784,000 TO MORE THAN \$1 MIL/YR). USLO
WILL GET 6 EXTRA STAFF, RAISING US PRESENCE TO 36/PERFORM
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SOME FUNCTIONS PREVIOUSLY HANDLED BY HK (REUTE, W.).
ACCORDING NCNA, PURGED "GANG OF 4" SAID TO BE
RIGHTIST" WHO POSED AS LEFTISTS/RADICALS BECAUSE NEEDED
FALSE IMAGE, TO CLOAK THEIR COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY
FEATURES ." (REUTER HK, 5/17).

WRITING FROM CANTON, BALT SUN'S ARNOLD ISSACS SAYS
CANTON EXPORT FAIR SHOWS PRC EAGER FOR NEW DEALS/WIDER
TRADE WITH W. ISSACS NOTES WESTERNERS' VIEW CHINESE
MORE FLEXIBLE ABOUT MEETING BUYERS' NEEDS. NCNA PRO-
VIDED NO FIGURES BUT REPORTED VALUE EXPORT/IMPORT TRANS-
ACTIONS SURPASSED THAT OF ALL PREVIOUS FAIRS. CITES
NCUSCT'S KAMM AS SAYING US-PRC FAIR TRADE EXPECTED TOTAL
\$50-55 MIL, APPROX. SAME VOL. AS '76 FAIR. OVERALL VOL
HIGHER BUT SOME SHORTAGES AS FOODSTUFFS. CHINESE FOUND
CANDID RE ECON PROBLEMS WHICH BLAMED ON "GANG OF 4,
SABOTAGE. SOME ANALYSTS ATTRIBUTE SHORTAGES TO ECON
PROBLEM/DECISION NEW LEADERSHIP RAISE PEOPLE'S LIVING
STANDARDS, ETC. MORE THAN 26,000 FOREIGNERS VISITED
41ST FAIR SINCE '57. SAYS IN RECENT YRS, CANTON FAIR
DECLINED IN IMPORTANCE BUT STILL ACCOUNTS FOR SIZABLE
PROPORTION PRC TRADE. SOME 2,000 DIFFERENT PRODUCTS EX-
HIBITED.

6. TIBET

ALLEN (FRONT PG WP'S "STYLE" SECTION) DESCRIBES BRIEF
LUNCHEON ENCOUNTER W/BUDDHISM'S KARMAPA LAMA, NOW
VISITING WASHINGTON/STAYING AT SEN PERCY'S HOME.

7. KOREA

REUTER (WP) SAYS CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE REPORT
INDICATES US WOULD SAVE TWO BILLION DOLLARS OVER FOUR
YEARS THROUGH THE PHASED WITHDRAWAL OF GROUND TROOPS WHILE
NOT ALTERING THE MILITARY BALANCE. REPORT SAYS IT WOULD
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BE PRUDENT TO PROVIDE INSURANCE OFFSETTING THE WITHDRAWAL
WITH OTHER FORCE EXCHANGES OR THE PROVISION OF MORE
MODERN WEAPONS TO THE ROK.

WP (BABCOCK) SAYS THE SPLIT BETWEEN A MAVERICK JUNIOR
MEMBER OF THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE AND HIS COLLEAGUES
HAS WIDENED. REP CAPUTO HAD EARLIER CRITICIZED THE SLOW
PACE OF THE INVESTIGATION. OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS
SUSPECT THAT CAPUTO IS ENGAGED IN A PRIVATE INVESTIGATION
OF THE KOREAN ISSUE DESPITE A COMMITTEE DECISION OPPOSING
SUCH MOVES.

UPI (BALT N.A.) SAYS THE NAMES OF A HUNDRED CONGRESSMEN
AND A FEW SENATORS ARE MENTIONED IN PAPERS RETRIEVED
FROM TONG SUN PARK'S GARBAGE. NAMES APPEAR IN SHREDDED
AND DISCARDED PAPERS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. KOREA

CSM SAYS THAT THE SFRC SHOULD PRESS AHEAD WITH A THOROUGH
REVIEW OF FOREIGN LOBBYING ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S.
CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY IS QUOTED AS SAYING OVER 600 LOBBY-
ISTS FOR FOREIGN GOVTs ALREADY REGISTERED WITH DOJ WITH
MANY OTHERS OPERATING BUT UNREGISTERED. TONG SUN PARK
A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE UNREGISTERED VARIETY. TIGHTENING
LOOPOLES SEEMS OVERDUE.

GWERTZMAN (NYT) ANALYSES PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE
ADMIN'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY. NOTES VANCE'S SPEECH WHERE
LIMITS OF OUR ACTIONS WAS INDICATED. ASKS IF IN A PLACE
LIKE SOUTH KOREA WILL WE BE ABLE TO RETAIN INFLUENCE.

9. HONG KONG

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CHITRIB (5/18) CARRIES SUMMARIES OF TWO TALKS ON HK
DELIVERED BY HOOVER INSTITUTION SENIOR FELLOW ALVIN
RABUSHKA TO UNIV CHI GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS.
RABUSHKA SAYS NO MORE EXCITING CITY THAN HK WHICH MOST
CLOSELY RESEMBLES TEXTBOOK MODEL OF COMPETITIVE MARKET
ECON, ENCUMBERED W/ ONLY BAREST OVERLAY OF GOVT. IDEA HK
"BORROWED PLACE" LIVING ON "BORROWED TIME" INFUSED ALL
ECON ACTIVITY W/ URGENCY OF NO TOMORROW. IN DISCUSSING
HK'S POL FUTURE, HE NOTES TERRITORY LEASED FROM PRC/
SAYS W/OUT NEW TERRITORIES--LEASE ON WHICH DUE EXPIRE
IN 1977-- FOUNDATION OF HK'S ECON PROSPERITY WOULD
DISAPPEAR. PRC VIEW SETTLEMENT HK POL STATUS NOT FALLING-
W/IN CATEGORY COLONIAL TERRITORIES. PRC'S SPECIAL

RELATIONSHIP TO HK PREDOMINANTLY ECON/WILL ALLOW
CONTINUE SO LONG AS SERVES WIDE INTEREST OF CHINESE
REGIME. ONLY IF MASSIVE OUTFLOW CAPITAL BEGINS ARE
CHINESE LIKELY TAKE PUBLIC STAND. RABUSHKA CITES VARIOUS
IMPORTANT FACTORS PRC MUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION
BEFORE ALLOWING CHANGE IN HK'S STATUS. W/ REGARD
REASONING THROUGH PEKING'S TOLERANCE, IF NOT ENCOURAGEMENT,
HK INVOLVES ELEMENT OF POLITICAL RISK.

10. CHINA

CSM'S DILLIN IN WASHINGTON SAYS SOV EFFORT, IMPROVE RELS
WITH PRC HAVE FAILED MISERABLY/CITES RECENT PRAVDA
CHARGE CHINA PREPARING FOR EVENTUAL WAR W/SOVS/WEST AS
LATEST EVIDENCE FAILURE SOV DIPLOMACY. NOTES ANALYSTS'
VIEW BEHIND SOV EFFORT GENUINE FEAR CHINESE POSE
SERIOUS/LONG-TERM THREAT TO SOV TERRITORY. SAYS SOV
STRATEGISTS CONCERNED IN FUTURE US/JAPAN/ OR WEUR
MAY TRY PLAY OFF PRC AGAINST SOVS. ACCORDING TO DILLIN
SOME ANALYSTS BELIEVE NEWEST SOV PROPAGANDA ATTACK EFFORT
REGAIN UPPER HAND IN RELS WITH CHINA. CHINESE REBUFFED
SOV EFFORTS FOR BETTER RELS IN IMMEDIATE POST-MAO
PERIOD. SEE OTHER TRENDS IN SINO-SOV RELS WORSENED, FROM
MOSCOW'S VIEWPOINT. CHINESE MIL POWER ESPECIALLY NUKE
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ARSENAL PRESENTS GROWING THREAT. ADDS JAPAN - WHICH HAS
POOR RELS U/SOVS-- COULD PROVIDE CRITICAL ASSIST TO PRC
MIL MACHINE. VIETNAM GIVES INDICATIONS OF BEING "SOFT"
ON PRC BRAND OF COMMUNISM. RUMORS PERSIST US COULD BE ON
VERGE OF ARMS SALES TO PRC/ BUT INFORMED SOURCES SAY RUMORS
APPEAR HAVE NO FOUNDATION.

ACCORDING, NYT EDITORIAL (5/18), "THE TROUBLED TRIANGLE",
CONTINUING COLD WAR BETWEEN SOV/CHINA PRESENTS RISKS/
OPPORTUNITIES FOR US THAT NEED BE WEIGHED IN OUR OWN
DIPLOMACY. AFTER TAKING NOTE OF PRAVDA'S "VITUPERATIVE
ASSAULT" ON PRC GOVT LAST SUN, EDITORIAL SAYS CAN ONLY
GUESS WHAT TRIGGERED IT BUT IT'S FINAL PROOF DEATHS
MAO/CHOU CHANGED NOTHING IN RIVALRY. PROPER US AIM IS
EXPLOIT RIVALRY IN PURSANT OWN INTEREST BUT NOT FOR
EXCLUSIVELY ANTI-SOV OR ANTI-PRC PURPOSE. FOR NEXT
GENERATION, HIGHEST US INTEREST MUST BE PRESERVATION NUKE
BALANCE W/ SOVS VIA ARMS CONTROL/ DEVELOPMENT. ALTHOUGH

NUKE WEAPONS EQUILIBRIUM MUST COME FIRST AMONG US
OBJECTIVES. MOST TRADE/ DIP TIES WITH PRC CONSISTENT
WITH IT. CLOSER WASHINGTON-PEKING COLLABORATION CAN
BE SUBTLY HELPFUL IN PROMOTING SOV INTEREST IN WESTERN
DETENTE. ADDS COULD HELP IN 3RD COUNTRY SITUATION
FOR US HAVE CHOICE COOPERATING WITH MOSCOW/PEKING. CON-
CLUDES EASIER DEFINE DIPLO IN SIMPLE TERMS FRIENDS/ADVER-
SARIES BUT MORE PROFITABLE LABOR OUR CORNER OF INTRIGUING

TRIANGLE.

11. MICRONESIA

BECK COLUMN (NYT) ENTITLED "MICRO(PHONE)NESIA" DISCUSSES CIA ACTIVITIES THERE. SAYS BUGGING PART OF BROAD DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT STRATEGY DESIGNED PRESERVE MICRONESIA AS SECURE MIL OUTPOST "AT THE GATEWAY TO THE ASIAN MAINLAND". STATES CIA APPARENTLY SEEKING COMPLEMENT PREDICTABLE US UNCLASSIFIED

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DOMINANCE AT BARGAINING TABLE W/ISLANDS OVER INDEPENDENCE BY GAINING HARD ADVANCE INFO ABOUT MICRONESIA'S NEGOTIATING POSITION. BELIEVES CARTER DIDN'T HAVE OPPORTUNITY ANALYZE MATTER; SAYS "MAN SO SENSITIVE TO HUMAN RIGHTS" COULD NOT HAVE ALLOWED CIA "TRAMPLE" ON POL RTS OF "EMERGING NATION." URGES MORE VIGOROUS MOVE TOWARD DETERMINING EXTENT TO WHICH CIA "TAINTED" NEGOTS/"COMPROMISED" FLEDGING MICRONESIAN POL PROCESS.

12. GENERAL

BRODER (SF CHRON 5/10) FINDS "VIVID EVIDENCE" AT HONOLULU MTG ANNUAL CONVENTION AMER SOCIETY NEWSPAPER EDITORS OF "CONTINUING FEAR" THAT WASHINGTON WILL NEGLECT PACIFIC INTERESTS. STATES "NO MATTER HOW OFTEN" WASHINGTON OFFICIALS DENY IT, ANXIETY OVER MATTER REFLECTS VN LEGACY/INDO-CHINA WITHDRAWAL. SAYS CONERN SEEMS "PARTICULARLY MIS-PLACED" W/CARTER, AS NO RECENT PRES MORE CONSCIOUS OF JAPAN. QUOTES EDITORS ASIAN WSJ/FAR EAST ECON REVIEW, HUDSON INSTITUTE FUTURIST KAHN; ALL EXPRESS OPTIMISM FOR AREA'S FUTURE PROSPERITY/ECON GROWTH.

13. INDIAN OCEAN

ZORZA (WP) BELIEVES IF US/USSR CAN AGREE DEMILITARIZE INDIAN OCEAN, COULD PROVIDE MODEL FOR OTHER SUCH AGREEMENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF WORLD. SAYS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO USSR IS THAT IN EVENT OF WAR W/PRC, CHINESE THRUST AGAINST TRANS-SIBERIA RAILWAY COULD CUT OFF SOV FAR EAST FROM CENTRAL RUSSIA, LEAVING INDIAN OCEAN AS MAIN ROUTE FOR OIL SUPPLIES. STATES US' DIEGO GARCIA BASE/USSR'S IN SOMALIA

PROVIDE FRAMEWORK FOR MUCH LARGER PRESENCE IF SUPERPOWERS DECIDE MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. URGES, AS BEGINNING, US-SOV AGREEMNT LIMIT DEPLOYMENT BOTH COUNTRIES' SHIPS IN AREA. CHRISTOPHER
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